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SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
JUVENILE COURT SCHOOLS PROGRAM'S FUNDING UTILIZATION (BOARD
AGENDA ITEMS 6 AND 47-E, OCTOBER 14, 2008)**

On October 14, 2008, your Board supported the Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to work with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to legislatively change the current funding model, which is based on average daily attendance, to one that is based on residential services delivery.

Your Board further directed my office to work jointly with LACOE to provide a report in 60 days on:

- (1) How existing dollars are being utilized, including all staff and other overhead costs, and how that compares to other juvenile court school programs in the State, including Orange and Ventura Counties; and
- (2) The difference, in dollars, between the current funding model and the change to residential service delivery model, and how the new model would impact the implementation of the Education Reform Committee's 35 recommendations.

To date, we are finalizing a contract with School Services of California (SSC), a consulting firm with extensive program and fiscal experience in the educational field. SSC will begin the project on December 15, 2008 and complete by the end of February 2009. We are requesting an extension of the final report issuance to your Board by March 20, 2009.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Don Chadwick at (213) 253-0301.

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